

MEDIA RELEASE

**Attention: News Director
For Immediate Release
March 7, 2007**



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DAVID L. HUBER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Western District of Kentucky**

**Contact: Sandy Focken
United States Attorney's Office
(502) 582-5911**

**LOUISVILLE MAN CONVICTED FOR
DAMAGE TO FEDERAL COURTHOUSE**

- Over \$15,000 in damages

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal trial jury in Louisville **returned a guilty verdict against DANIEL L. COBBLE**, 54 years of age, of Louisville, Kentucky, on two counts of willfully damaging the Gene Snyder United States Courthouse, 601 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1361 and 1363. The convictions were the result of **Cobble's** dumping sixteen five gallon containers of roof asphalt onto interior and exterior portions of the Gene Snyder Courthouse. The proof at trial showed that **Cobble** committed these crimes as a form of protest against adverse rulings received in several unrelated civil cases which were filed by **Cobble** in U.S. District Court.

At the onset of trial, **Cobble** left the courtroom and refused to participate in the defense of the case against him, over the advice of the presiding judge. Testimony at trial showed that the damages caused by **Cobble's** criminal acts have cost the U.S. government in excess of \$15,000.

Judge Russell has set the case for a further proceeding on March 8, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at which time a date for sentencing will be set. Judge Russell directed a summons be issued requiring

Cobble's appearance for the March 8, 2007 proceeding.

The maximum potential penalties **Cobble** is facing as a result of his convictions are 15 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jim Lesousky and Michael A. Bennett, and it was investigated by the United States Marshal Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- END -

DLH:JRL:dob:070307